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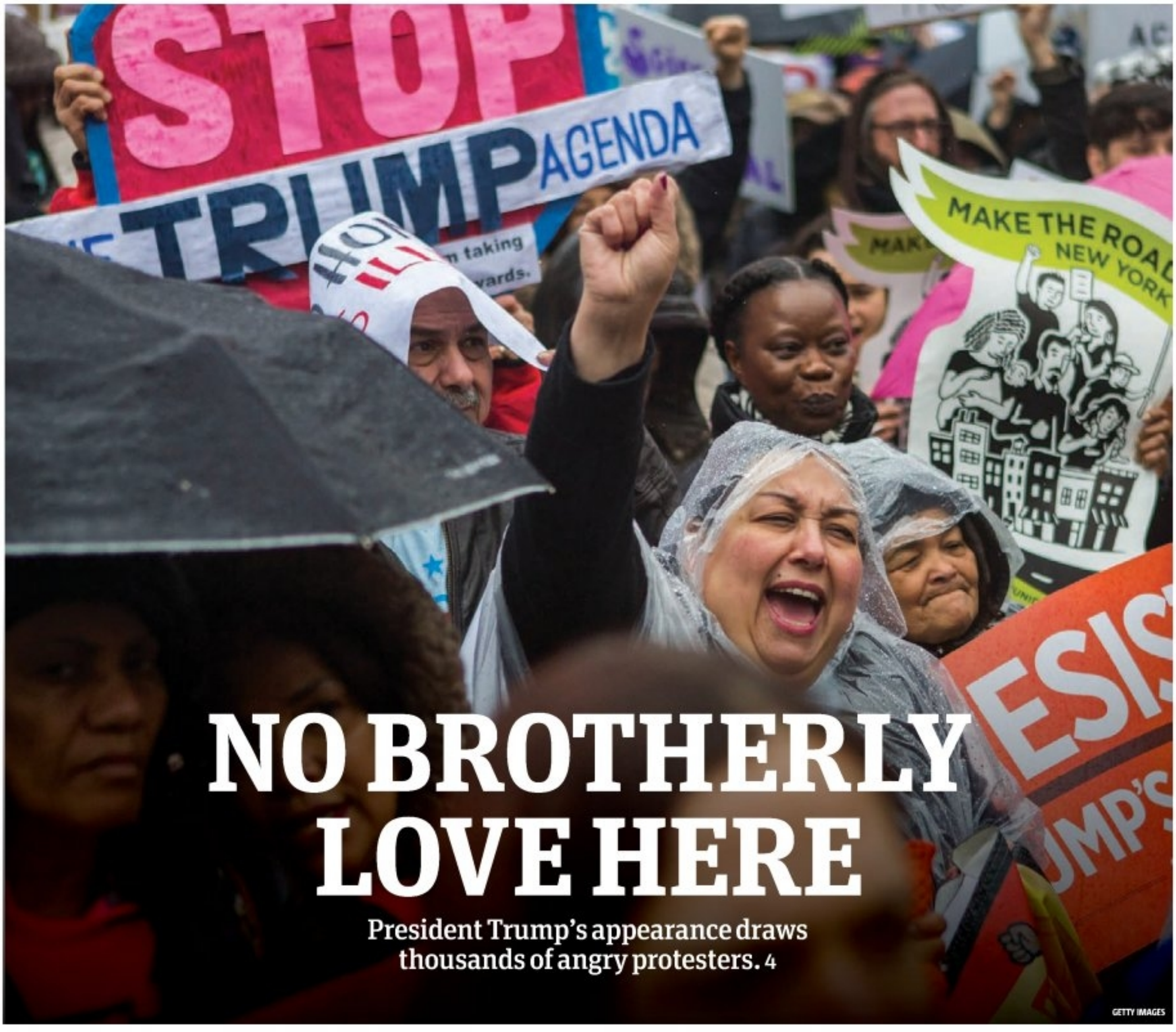

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President Trump's appearance draws thousands of angry protesters. 4

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MEXICO PRESIDENT CANCELS TRUMP SUMMIT

1 Mexico's president on scrapped a planned summit with Donald Trump in the face of insistent tweets from the U.S. president demanding Mexico pay for a border wall, a deepening rift that threatens Mexican efforts to salvage trade ties. Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto, responding to a Twitter message from Trump saying it would be better for him not to come to the meeting if Mexico would not pay

for the wall, said in his own tweet that he would not attend and had informed the White House of this. Trump later presented the scrapped plan as a mutual agreement. Addressing Republican members of Congress at a meeting in Philadelphia, he said he and Pena Nieto had agreed to cancel the meeting. REUTERS

BIRD FLU OUTBREAKS RAISE RISK OF PANDEMIC

2 The global spread of bird flu and the number of viral strains currently circulating and causing infections have reached unprecedented levels, raising the risk of a potential human outbreak, according to disease experts. Multiple outbreaks have been reported in poultry farms and wild flocks across Europe, Africa and Asia in the past three months. While most involve strains that are currently low risk for human health, the sheer number of different types, and their presence in so many parts of the world at the same time, increases the risk of viruses mixing and mutating — and possibly jumping to people. "This is a fundamental change in the natural history of influenza viruses," Michael Osterholm, an infectious disease specialist at University of Minnesota, said of the proliferation of bird flu. REUTERS

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3 A federal grand jury has indicted on 22 criminal counts an Iraq war veteran suspected of killing five people in a mass shooting at a Florida airport this month, U.S. prosecutors said on Thursday. Esteban Santiago, 26, is accused of opening fire in the baggage claim area of the Fort Lauderdale airport on Jan. 6. The charges against him include multiple counts of violence at an airport resulting in death and

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PREGAME VISIT

5 Pierre-Edouard Bellemare of the Philadelphia Flyers greets his fans during warmups prior to his game against the Toronto Maple Leafs on Thursday at the Wells Fargo Center. GETTY IMAGES

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

MICROSOFT CONTINUES TO INVEST IN CYBERSECURITY

4 Microsoft will continue to invest over $1 billion annually on cybersecurity research and development in the coming years, a senior executive said. This amount does not include acquisitions Microsoft may make in the sector, Bharat Shah, Microsoft vice president of security, told Reuters on the sidelines of the firm's BlueHat cyber security conference in Tel Aviv. "As more and more people use cloud, that spending has to go up," Shah said. While the number of attempted cyber attacks was 20,000 a week two or three years ago, that figure had now risen to 600,000-700,000, according to Microsoft data. Long known for its Windows software, Microsoft has shifted focus to the cloud where it is dueling with larger rival Amazon to control the still fledgling market. REUTERS

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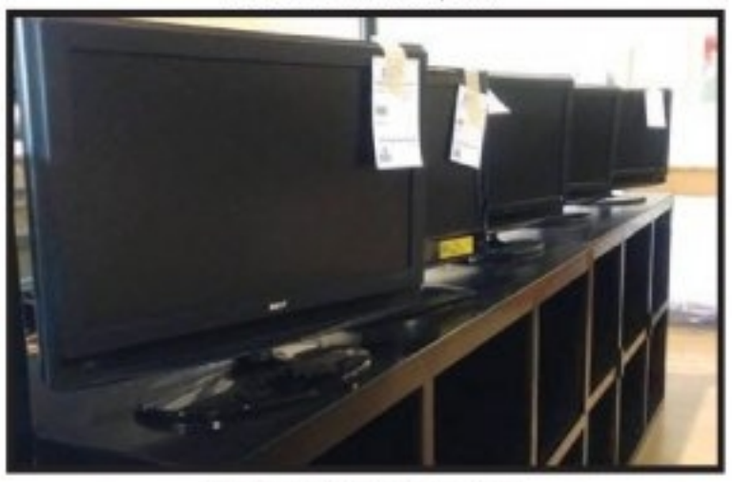

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Protesters and activists rally in downtown Philadelphia during a visit by President Donald Trump to the GOP retreat. GETTY IMAGES

Thousands protest Trump as Philly braces for impact of new policies

Mayor Jim Kenney lashed back at Trump's claims that murders in Philly are "terribly increasing."

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Protesters packed Center City on Thursday to express their outrage with President Donald Trump, who came to Philadelphia to address the 2017 Joint Congressional Republican Retreat.

Signs carried messages that ranged from "Impeach the traitor!" to "Trump/Pence regime: Illegitimate fascist."

The demonstrators included 73-year-old Jean Woodley, of Mt. Airy, who said she hadn't been driven to march in 50 years, since Selma and the March on Washington.

"Everyone who loves this country has to stand up," she said. "I am just appalled at what I see every day in the news. He just comes in and is creating chaos on every front. How much trauma can we stand?"

As the protesters chanted, Philadelphia City Council was busy at their first session of 2017. They unanimously passed a resolution introduced by Council members Helen Gym and Curtis Jones Jr. to uphold the city's "support for and protection of Muslim communities."

"The widespread ignorance about Muslims in this country at this moment is truly astonishing, with those most loudly condemning Muslims in this country hardly knowing the difference between hummus and Hamas," said Jacob Bender, executive director of the Philadelphia chapter of the Council on American Islamic Relations, who testified in support of the resolution.

"How much trauma can we stand?"
Jean Woodley

During Trump's speech before the Republican retreat in Center City, Trump stated that "here in Philadelphia murder has been steady — I mean — just terribly increasing."

In fact, homicides in Philadelphia are continuing to decline, with 277 homicides reported in 2016. Mayor Kenney called Trump's statement "an insult" to city police.

"While we are not satisfied with even our current numbers," Kenney said in a statement, "we are handicapped by Republican refusal to enact any kind of common sense gun control and by their obsession with turning our police officers into ICE [Immigrations and Customs Enforcement] agents — which will prevent immigrants from coming forward to report crimes or provide critical witness statements that can put dangerous criminals behind bars."

Kenney said the city has no plans to change its sanctuary city policies after Trump signed an executive order Wednesday that his spokesman Sean Spicer said would "strip federal grant money from the sanctuary states and cities that harbor illegal immigrants."

"I am very, very concerned about the adverse impact to the citizens of this city if President Trump continues to move forward on cutting off federal funds to the city of Philadelphia," said City Councilman David Oh, a Republican.

Trump tells GOP lawmakers: Time to deliver

President Donald Trump pushed Republican lawmakers on Thursday for swift action on a sweeping agenda including his planned U.S.-Mexican border wall, tax cuts and repealing the Obamacare law, despite tensions over timetables and priorities.

Congressional Republicans were in Philadelphia for a three-day retreat to hammer out a legislative agenda, with the party in control of the White House, Senate and House of Representatives for the first time in a decade.

"This Congress is going to be the busiest Congress we've had in decades, maybe ever," Trump said in a speech to the lawmakers.

"Enough 'all talk, no action.' We have to deliver," he added.

But Trump did not hold an expected question-and-answer session with the lawmakers, and his speech veered into side issues such as predicting crowd size for an anti-abortion march in Washington, alleging American voting irregularities and touting winning Pennsylvania in the Nov. 8 election.

House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan, who initially hesitated to endorse Trump last year and has criticized him on some issues, disputed the notion that congressional Republicans were not in synch with the New York businessman who was sworn in less than a week ago having never previously held public office.

"We are on the same page with the White House," Ryan said during a joint news conference with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

"This is going to be an unconventional presidency," Ryan added. "I think you know this by now. ... I think we're going to see unconventional activities like tweets and things like that. I think that's just something that we're all going to have to get used to."

Trump pressed the lawmakers for action on repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare, even as Republicans scramble to devise a replacement plan, and lowering taxes on "all American businesses" and the middle class. REUTERS

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City officials estimate that abandoned and dangerous properties cost the city $20 million annually in both upkeep and lost tax revenue. MADELINE PRESLAND

City takes high-tech approach to identify neighborhood decay

The city created a "data warehouse" to identify structures that might be abandoned.

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Shredded bags of trash and abandoned furniture block sidewalks. Windows covered with cardboard, wood or nothing at all makes it obvious that no one has lived in some of these Point Breeze homes in a long time.

Charlie Elison is ready for these houses be reborn as homes — or be torn down to make way for new construction.

"Just imagine if the roof or the side wall caves in," said Elison, who lives in the neighborhood. "It's dangerous."

Recently named the "hottest Philly neighborhood of 2017" by Curbed Philly and real estate website Zillow, the large South Philadelphia neighborhood is also the busiest area for the city's Department of Licenses and Inspections.

Agency staff have assembled a "data warehouse" during the past couple of years that they use to identify structures that are in such a state of decay that they should be demolished. They're doing this in Point Breeze and all over the city.

The department estimates that abandoned and dangerous properties cost the city $20 million annually in both upkeep and lost tax revenue. Abandoned structures have also been linked to crimes and fires.

The agency's database contains information pulled from many different sources. It gives a more accurate profile of how intact a structure is. The computer program gives the property a rating and predicts whether or not it has been abandoned.

"This allows us to be a lot more proactive in triaging which properties are damaged," said Rebecca Swanson, the agency's planning director. "The technology is constantly evolving and we will get new information every year."

New tools, such as aerial images, give department inspectors more to work with before making the trip to go see a property — as well as helping them see problems that are hidden from street level.

"A lot of structural problems come from roofs with water damage," said Swanson. "These can seem totally intact from the street."

The department isn't doing all the demolishing — razing a house costs about $17,000. Instead, the city has been responding to demolition requests from parties who purchase the dilapidated properties and lets them shoulder the cost.

"The market is taking care of it in that area," said Karen Guss, the agency's communications director, referring to Point Breeze. "Developers are snapping up these properties."

Point Breeze has more than triple the number of unsafe structures than neighboring East Passyunk and Dickinson Narrows on the other side of South Broad Street. The city is citing property owners in an effort to force them to comply with building codes and public health standards.

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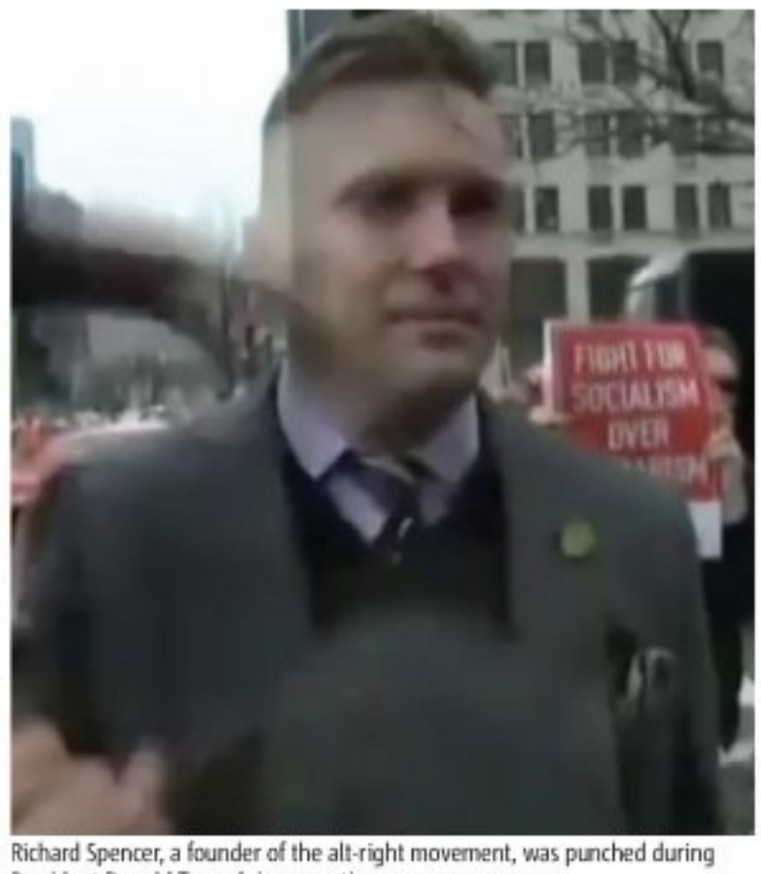

Richard Spencer, a founder of the alt-right movement, was punched during President Donald Trump's inauguration. SCREENSHOT / YOUTUBE

Anti-fascist group starts fund to defend man who punched alt-right leader

The fund counters one that is offering $5,000 for the suspect's name.

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A video clip of white nationalist Richard Spencer getting punched in the face near President Donald Trump's inauguration ceremony has sparked dueling offers: one posting a reward for the name of the attacker; the other pledging to defend him.

The video has been shared thousands of times, spawned plenty of memes and even prompted the question: Is it OK to punch a Nazi?

Spencer, a founder of the alt-right movement, has filed a police report and a crowdfunding site relating to alt-right issues has offered a bounty for the suspect's name.

WeSearchr is offering more than $5,000 for the identity of the man who punched Spencer during an interview with the Australian Broadcasting Corp. in Washington.

A Philadelphia division of the Torch Antifa Network ("antifa" referring to anti-fascist) has launched a counter-fund to defend the unknown assailant.

"Philly Antifa is fundraising for the legal defense [if found and charged] or the health care costs [if attacked] of the puncher," the organization wrote on its website. "We do not know who the puncher is nor are in touch with them, however we have years of experience raising legal defense for militant antifascists and are committed to distributing the funds to anyone accused if and when they are needed."

Philly Antifa also called out several media outlets for giving airtime to Spencer's "violent calls for genocide," accusing them of "allowing neonazi [sic] movements to recruit and grow."

In the Australian television broadcast, Spencer denied being a neo-Nazi, and said, "neo-Nazis don't love me, they kind of hate me actually."

But Spencer is president of the National Policy Institute, a right-wing research group that is "dedicated to the heritage, identity and future of people of European descent in the United States, and around the world," its website states.

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Rev. Jesse Jackson: We are the wind that steers the ship'

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Voter suppression could be Trump's motive for his voter fraud charge, Jackson says.

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The Rev. Jesse Jackson met with Metro to discuss the condition of post-election race relations and political activism in President Donald Trump's new political climate. Jackson arrived in New York to prepare for a summit on the 20th anniversary of his founding of The Wall Street Project and the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, to be held at the Grand Hyatt New York Feb. 15-17.

Here are excerpts from the conversation, which have been edited and condensed.

Have the objectives of the Wall Street Project and the Rainbow PUSH Coalition changed with the election of President Trump?

For so long we were not even considered in the arrangement. Black people should be able to prosper. We grow with the economy — but we need to have access to capital. There is not a talent crisis, there's been an opportunity crisis and a cultural crisis. We need to bring those cultural barriers down.

Did the election widen race divisions?

The last election was not about voter fraud; it was about voter suppression. They [the Department of Justice] found in Texas, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan evidence of voter suppression. [Trump's] claim of three to five million fraudulent votes — that's not accurate. That's alternative truth. It's a double motive. He uses the language of fraud, but in fact he may be laying the groundwork to be getting the governors in this search to start making even more suppressive tactics for those who have been locked out. What we really should do is fight for an amendment to the Constitution to federally protect the right to vote. We have state's right to vote, each with their own ideal. We should have one federal standard.

What needs to be done to repair racial divisions?

There is a lot of fear out there. There is a lot of Mexican youth that fear their parents will be deported. They must relieved of those fears. Women who feel their rights are being violated, they must be relieved of those fears. The attempt to say Barack Obama wasn't born here, that deserves an apology. So that becomes the burden of President Trump. And on the other hand, we can't wait for that to happen.

Last Saturday's historic massive march showed people turned fear into hope, and impetus into power. At the end of the day, while Trump is the captain of the ship, the winds of change will determine which way the ship goes. We represent those winds of change.

How will the rapid repeal of the Affordable Health Care act affect Americans?

Thirty-million people never had health care before. The irony is that most beneficiaries of affordable health care are Trump supporters. It was labeled Obamacare for pejorative purposes. They don't want Obamacare, but they want affordable health care.

For more of Jackson's views, visit metro.us.

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PHA is providing an opportunity for public review and comments on a proposed amendment to the MTW Annual Plan concerning PHA's plans to convert 220 long-term vacant and distressed public housing units at various scattered site locations to project-based assistance under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. The public housing assistance for these units will be converted and transferred to Project Based Voucher (PBV) assistance at five (5) new construction or substantial rehab developments as further described in the proposed amendment under the transfer of assistance provisions of RAD.

The proposed amendment provides additional information concerning PHA's RAD conversion plans. It will be incorporated in its entirety into PHA's then current MTW Annual Plan through an attachment entitled "Rental Assistance Demonstration Significant Amendment". It is available for public review and downloading on PHA's website at www.pha.phila.gov under the "Latest News" section or may be picked up at the following locations:

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Sanctuary cities see legal holes in president's immigration orders

Lawyers for the potential challengers pointed to court rulings that said the federal government can only withhold funds to local jurisdictions if the money is directly tied to the behavior it objects to.

President Donald Trump's executive order directing federal agencies to take away funding from self-proclaimed sanctuary cities had one big exemption for one of his favorite constituencies: the police, who would be protected from cuts.

But Trump's opponents say that very exemption makes it much more likely that a judge could strike down that section of the order as unconstitutional.

It is just one example of the legal arguments that cities, immigration groups and other opponents are readying as they prepare to fight an executive order signed by Trump on Wednesday that would cut federal aid to "sanctuary" jurisdictions that limit cooperation with federal immigration authorities.

The Trump administration cannot cut funds for sanctuary cities' healthcare and education while preserving money for police, since those jobs relate more closely to immigration enforcement, said Richard Doyle, city attorney in San Jose, California. He said it was not clear whether existing federal funding or only future grants would be targeted.

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Supporters of the new Republican president's actions say that sanctuary cities ignore federal law and think the White House will be able to answer with a strong case in court.

Federal law allows Trump to restrict public assistance "of any kind where an illegal alien could possibly benefit," said Dale Wilcox, executive director of the Washington-based conservative Immigration Reform Law Institute.

In New York City, Mayor Bill de Blasio in a news conference said his chief legal officer would be in court the "hour" after any specific action to withhold money came through.

"There is less here than meets the eye. This executive order is written in a very vague fashion," said de Blasio, a Democrat.

San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera, also a Democrat, said his office was still examining whether it could sue before Trump made any specific move to cut funds.

Trump's order directed that funding be slashed to all jurisdictions that refuse to comply with a statute that requires local governments to share information with immigration authorities.

Omar Jadwat, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Immigrants' Rights Project, said the cities can argue "they are fully in compliance with that statute," since they do share information with federal authorities, but offer limited cooperation when it comes to turning over immigrants who are not convicted criminals.

There could also be procedural snarls to implementing the cuts, lawyers who specialize in federal grants said. If the U.S. government seeks to cut off grants to a certain recipient, it must go through a complicated process known as "suspension and debarment," and cities would have the right to appeal.

"It's fair to say that they don't understand the scope and reach of federal grants law," said Edward Waters, who heads the federal grants practice at the law firm Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell in Washington, referring to the Trump administration. REUTERS

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Crisis deepens as Trump floats 20 percent tax on Mexico goods to pay for wall

Mexico ships 80 percent of its exports to the US, and around half of Mexico's foreign direct investment has come from its northern neighbor over the last two decades.

President Donald Trump could pay for a wall on the southern border with a new 20 percent tax on goods from Mexico, the White House said on Thursday, deepening a crisis after plans for a summit with the Mexican president fell apart.

Trump wants the measure to be part of a broader tax overhaul package that the U.S. Congress is contemplating, White House spokesman Sean Spicer told reporters on Thursday.

It was not immediately clear how the tax would work. Parts of the proposal that Spicer described resemble an existing idea, known as a border adjustment tax, being considered by the Republican-led U.S. House of Representatives.

Spicer said: "We have a new tax at $50 billion at 20 percent of imports — which is, by the way, a practice that 160 other countries do right now."

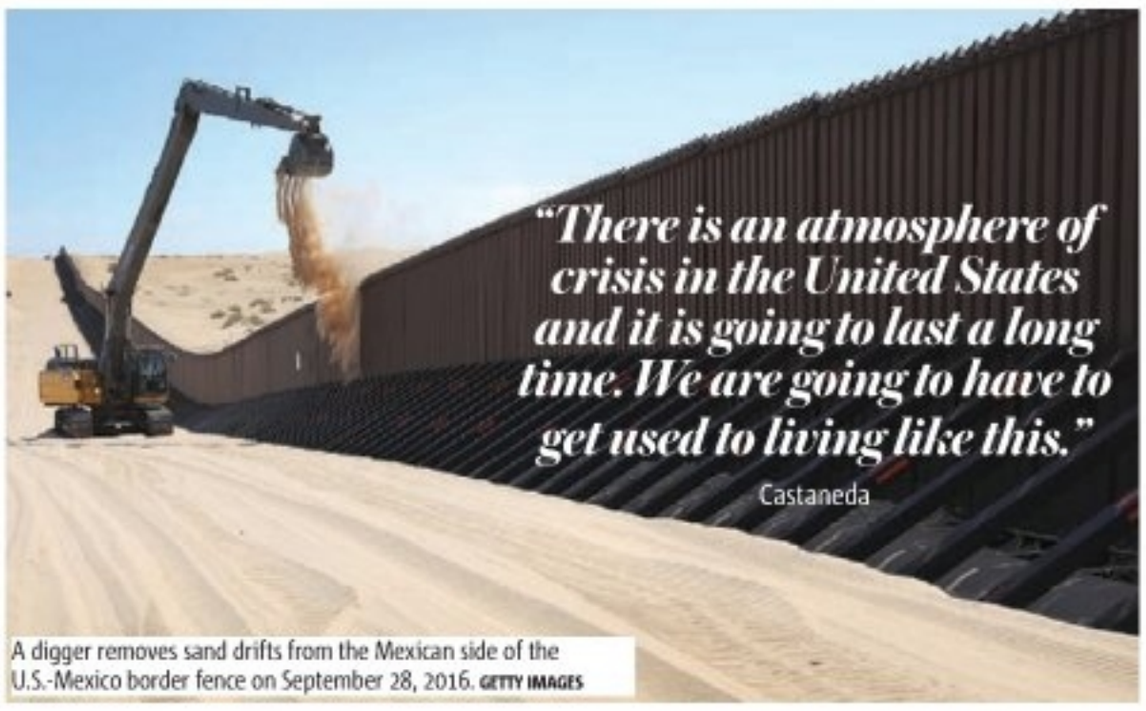
"Our country's policy is to tax exports and let imports flow freely in, which is ridiculous. But by doing it that way we can do $10 billion a year and easily pay for the wall. Just through that mechanism alone," Spicer told reporters traveling with Trump to Philadelphia.

The White House later on Thursday said it was not endorsing the border adjustment tax. No further details were available.

Addressing Republican members of Congress at a meeting in Philadelphia, Trump said he and Pena Nieto had agreed to cancel the meeting, adding it would be fruitless if Mexico did not treat the United States "fairly".

"I've said many times that the American people will not pay for the wall," Trump told the gathering. "Unless Mexico is going to treat the United States fairly, with respect, such a meeting would be fruitless and I want to go a different route."

Trump views the wall, a major promise during his election campaign, as part of a package of measures to curb illegal immigration. Mexico has long insisted it will not heed Trump's demands to pay for the construction project.


"There is an atmosphere of crisis in the United States and it is going to last a long time. We are going to have to get used to living like this."
Castaneda
A digger removes sand drifts from the Mexican side of the U.S.-Mexico border fence on September 28, 2016. GETTY IMAGES

The United States runs a $58.8 billion trade deficit with Mexico, according to the latest U.S. government figures. But Mexico is also the United States' second-largest export market.

Former foreign minister Jorge Castaneda said the Mexican government should have canceled the summit earlier in the week, when it became clear that Trump was going to go ahead with measures to build the wall and clamp down on immigration.

"There is an atmosphere of crisis in the United States and it is going to last a long time. We are going to have to get used to living like this," he said on Mexican radio. REUTERS

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China girlfriend rental app gets leg up from Lunar New Year demand

As millions in China head home to celebrate the Lunar New Year holiday with their families, 24-year-old Luoluo is busy answering messages on a mobile app from desperate men looking to hire an instant girlfriend whom they can present to mom and dad.

On visits home during the holiday, which kicks off on Friday, single people are often subjected to tough lectures from relatives keen on reinforcing the importance of marriage and securing the family blood line.

Some singles resort to hiring fake girlfriends and boyfriends to appease their parents. But an explosion in smartphone use in recent years means one can now pay for such a date through a handful of mobile apps, with just a few clicks.

"Over 1,000 users on our platform have signed up as dates for hire for the New Year break," Cao Tiantian, founder of date-for-hire app Hire Me Plz, told Reuters.

Subscribers to the app pay from as little as 1 yuan ($0.15) to 1,999 yuan an hour for a dinner date, a chat, a game of mah-jong or even a foot massage.

Prices surge around the time of Lunar New Year, with thousands of attractive twenty-somethings like Luoluo commanding fees of 3,000 yuan to 10,000 yuan a day.

"I'm still seeking people to fill my time slots," said the woman from the southwestern province of Sichuan, who has just two half-day slots left to fill over the next seven days.

"But only those who stay in the same province as me. I don't have time to waste on travel," she added.

Apart from Hire Me Plz, there are five major date-hiring apps in China, which make their money by taking a cut from hires, and also from subscription fees.

"Our business model is still new, though an increasing number of young people have accepted the idea of selling their time as commodity," said Beijing-based Cao, who expects date-rental to become a multi-billion dollar market in five years.

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Since its launch in 2015, Hire Me Plz has garnered a user base of 700,000 and 1.7 million followers on Tencent's (0700.HK) WeChat, China's biggest mobile social media network.

Date rentals - offline or online - have drawn criticism in recent years, with some netizens on social media and legal experts questioning the morality and legality of the business.

"There are no clear prohibitions in Chinese laws regarding date rentals. But risks exist among such deals, which may also violate the law to some extent," state-run China News Services this month cited Li Hongzhao, an official of the Beijing Lawyers Association Criminal Law Committee, as saying.

"I was seeking a more effective way to ask someone out. Who wants to chat for months via social networks and end up with nothing?"

Cao

Li said it is sometimes hard to define the boundaries of appropriate intimacy and when an act of intimacy becomes sexual assault.

Sex is not part of the services offered on any of the mobile apps. Prostitution is illegal in China.

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PayPal quarterly revenue rises 16.6 percent

PayPal Holdings Inc. reported a 16.6 percent rise in quarterly revenue, in line with analysts' estimates, helped by growth in customer and merchant accounts on its payments platform.

Shares of the payments processor were little changed after the bell on Thursday.

The San Jose, California-based company's active customer accounts rose 10 percent to 197 million, beating research firm FactSet StreetAccount's estimate of 196.5 million.

Total payments volume surged 21.9 percent to $99.35 billion.

The company said it expects first-quarter revenue to be $2.9 billion-$2.95 billion. Analysts on an average were expecting $2.95 billion, according to Thomson Reuters.

PayPal has witnessed rapid growth in a number of services such as person-to-person payment app Venmo and Braintree, a payment gateway used by larger merchants, since it was spun off from eBay Inc in 2015.

Payment volumes at Venmo, whose customers are mainly millennials, surged 126 percent to $5.6 billion in the fourth quarter. REUTERS

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Expecting Trump action, US suspends refugee resettlement interviews

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has temporarily halted trips by staff to interview refugees abroad as it prepares for a likely shakeup of refugee policy by President Donald Trump, two sources with knowledge of the decision said on Thursday.

The decision effectively amounts to a pause in future refugee admissions, given that the interviews are a crucial step in an often years-long process.

The DHS leadership's decision to halt the interview trips was communicated to those involved in the U.S. refugee admission process on Wednesday, one of the sources said.

It means that though Trump has not yet ordered a temporary halt to the refugee program,

Sean Spicer GETTY IMAGES

future admissions are likely to be delayed.

Trump is expected to sign an executive order that would include a temporary ban on all refugees, and a suspension of visas for citizens of Syria and six other Middle Eastern and African countries.

White House spokesman Sean Spicer told reporters on Thursday that Trump could sign several executive orders on Friday, but that the nature of those had not been decided yet.

Becca Heller, director of the International Refugee Assistance Project at the New York-based Urban Justice Center, said she was informed of the decision to halt the overseas interviews by several people in and outside of government.

Gillian Christensen, a spokeswoman for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, which is part of the Department of Homeland Security and which conducts the interviews, said the agency had delayed "a number of upcoming trips" but that they had not been "officially canceled."

DHS officers regularly visit countries such as Jordan, Malaysia, El Salvador, Kenya and Ethiopia to interview refugees seeking to enter the United States. It is usually one of the last steps in the refugee resettlement process. REUTERS

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Milla Jovovich makes her sixth bow as Alice, the hero of the "Resident Evil" series, with "The Final Chapter" (which allegedly really is). ILZE KITSHOFF

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Queen of the Dead

Milla Jovovich swears "Resident Evil: The Final Chapter" is the end of zombie-killing Alice.

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Milla Jovovich has a favorite "Resident Evil" film.

"Undoubtedly, it's this one," she says. It's her sixth go as Alice, the security operative-turned-hero against both the zombie revolution and the bioengineering corporation that caused it. In the first entry, from 2001, Alice awoke with amnesia. Every film has found her battling the undead and company minions, all while searching for the truth of her past.

That, apparently, arrives in "Resident Evil: The Final Chapter," which is what draws the actress (and musician, model and fashion designer) to it. "I love that Alice finally discovers her own story and who she really is."

As the franchise's (alleged!) swan song, the experience couldn't help but be bittersweet.

"I met my husband making that movie. Now I have two beautiful kids," Jovovich says of the first, while referring to filmmaker Paul W.S. Anderson. The two wed in 2009, and he's now directed her in not only four of the "R.E." films, but also 2011's "The Three Musketeers," in which she played the villainous Milady.

Jovovich and Anderson's first daughter, Ever Anderson, makes an appearance in "The Final Chapter," playing the evil Red Queen.

Milla's serious side

Jovovich should be fine in her post-Alice career. As often as she's been cast in action, she's proved a formidable talent when given the chance to play it straight. She earned accolades for 2010's "Stone," as the wife of a jailed arsonist played by Edward Norton (the one where he has cornrows), and she did Shakespeare in 2014's modernized film take on "Cymbeline." She also has second-billing in "Shock and Awe," Rob Reiner's forthcoming drama about the Bush administration's false allegations that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction.

"I'm very proud of her," Jovovich says. "There's nothing more magical than sharing the set with your daughter."

The actress, now 41, finds it tricky balancing motherhood with her status as one of the screen's great ass-kickers. When she was shooting this last film back in 2015, she had just given birth to her second daughter, Dashiel Edan.

"It was definitely a big challenge to go into superheroine mode, then go back to the role of mom," she says. "It was a bit more difficult than it usually is for me to lose weight and get in shape to be Alice. But I worked harder to achieve it. I followed a very strict diet that worked. But I have to say, at first I thought, 'Wow, this is never going to happen.'"

Still, Jovovich will always find Alice to be an inspiration. "When I wake up in the mornings and do not feel my best, I can pull out my inner Alice to keep me going in the right direction," she says.

And she swears "The Final Chapter" really is the final chapter. "It completes the circle of the story," she explains. "No matter how hard it is to say goodbye, I have to do it."

Asked what she'd do if confronted with an actual zombie (you never know these days!), she has a short reply: "Probably run."

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Christina Ricci stars as Zelda Fitzgerald in "Z: The Beginning of Everything," out Friday on Amazon. AMAZON STUDIOS

Christina Ricci says Zelda Fitzgerald wasn't the crazy one

The actress sets the record straight in "Z: The Beginning of Everything."

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Many are familiar with F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald's tragic, yet passionate, love story. The glamorous parties and literary successes; the alcoholism and mental illness. But the lesser-told story comes from Zelda's perspective. A new Amazon series, "Z: The Beginning of Everything," starring Christina Ricci as the vivacious Southern belle with a creative streak, shows us the infamous couple through Zelda's eyes.

Ricci, who also executive produces, says she was inspired to portray Zelda after reading "Z: A Novel of Zelda Fitzgerald" by Therese Anne Fowler, a fictionalized account of the Fitzgeralds that positions Zelda as the narrator.

"I didn't really know anything about [Zelda] except for the common misconceptions that other people have," says the 36-year-old actress. "It struck me the same way Patti Smith's 'Just Kids' kind of struck me; it's a way into a really inaccessible world, and to see that world from the inside out, it's fascinating."

Ricci talks with us about debunking the mythos of Zelda, the bunk notion of the "hysterical woman" and how she couldn't get enough of that "black velvet and diamonds."

You mention the common misconceptions many of us have about Zelda. What can viewers learn about her from watching the show?

So many things. She was not an alcoholic; she just partied. [Scott] was the alcoholic. When you go back and read the biographies, she was always helping him through these periods of being sober. I didn't realize how much of his writing was hers; I had no idea. I also thought that she was schizophrenic — [but there's] no evidence of schizophrenia whatso-

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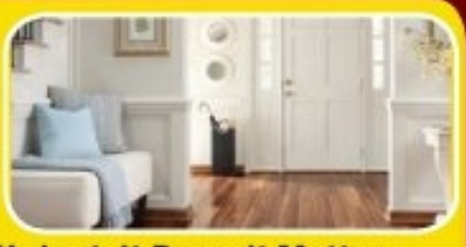

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How much of her diagnosis was due to the sexism of the time; the notion of women being hysterical?
Well, one thing I've always found fascinating is a lot of the women you read about in history all had nervous breakdowns, or had to be hospitalized. You're like, really? You see, they were just really angry. And the husband was like, "You must be insane to be this mad at me." [Laughs]

You've done a number of dark roles throughout your career. Is this one any different?
I've always said, can you define "dark" for me? To me, these are just people. But honest human behavior, flawed as it may be — I think it's great that we're in a time now that it's not really considered that dark. We all know so much these days, we're all so therapized. With all the information we have, I think we're starting to judge people a little less. That's what allows you to have the environment that's right for this story.

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What new insight will we get into Scott and Zelda's relationship?
I think it's a very honest approach to the relationship. They had a great passion, they loved each other's ambition. Yes, it's a great love affair, but there's a lot of pragmatism involved in these love affairs. You can love someone and hate them at the same time. And someone can torture you and you still are obsessed with them. Who's to say any of those things are not real love?

We read that in one episode you wear 24 different outfits. Any favorite '20s looks?
I loved all the clothes, but I like the [outfits] after she becomes the "it" girl, where she gets really dramatic. Those are my favorite dresses. More New Yorky. I was always like, "Can we get some black velvet in here?" [Laughs] I like black velvet and diamonds. That was my jam.

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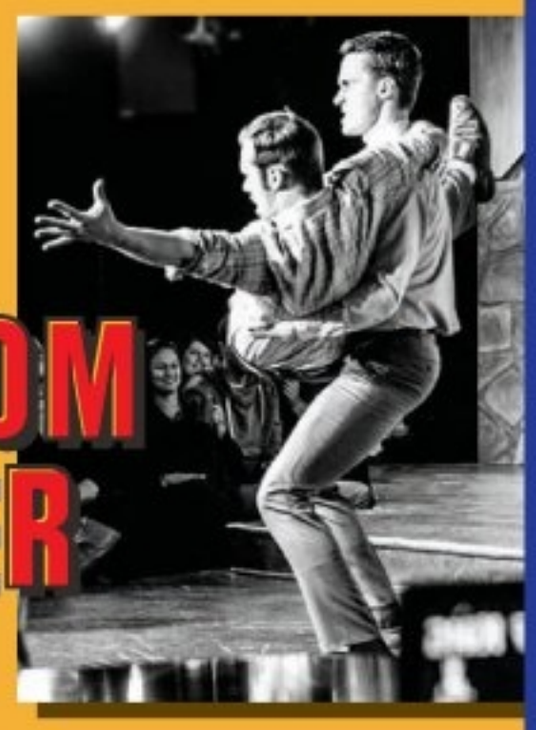
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"Gold"

Director: Stephen Gaghan
Stars: Matthew McConaughey, Edgar Ramirez
Rating: R

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In "Gold," Matthew McConaughey's gut hangs over his tighty whities. He's hardly an Adonis when dressed, either: As floundering businessman Kenny Wells, our star sweats through grotty beige-on-white suits. His stringy hair is hand-combed back over a balding top. It's not a mere actor's stunt, though. At the same time, it's not all that special either. Kenny's just another of McConaughey's charismatic motormouths. He may be more desperate, more sweet-on-the-inside, more of a loser. But he's simply a slight variation — a lot of work to do something that's only similar-but-different.

McConaughey's turn is emblematic of "Gold" as a whole. This is a noble misfire that tries to do something fresh with the familiar but can't quite get there. It has the makings of a classic rise-and-fall horror show: Based on a real tale of greedy superhubris, it drops in on Kenny, a never-was who drove his father's Nevada mining business so into the ground that the offices have relocated to the local dive bar. He strikes gold — almost literally! — when he learns about a cache of the stuff lurking in the depths of the Indonesian jungle. He's quick to lure Wall Street goons and untold investors with tales of his potential haul — so quick, in fact, that he's living like Scarface before they know 100 percent that there is, in fact, gold. Hilarity eventually ensues.

Dig Matthew McConaughey's bald patch as a mine company head in "Gold." THE WEINSTEIN COMPANY

It would have been easy to play this as a "Wolf of Wall Street" knockoff. Kudos to Team "Gold" for trying something different. "Gold" treats Kenny as both fool and hero, with a tone that shifts from satirical to serious, scathing to sad. But even with Kenny in every scene, "Gold" never quite gels. It meanders, it fumbles around for focus. Its most interesting ideas get lost in the murk. It all (sort of) comes together with the twist closer, but "Gold" is like a long con in which the grifter keeps losing the mark's attention. MATT PRIGGE

Bryce Gheisar plays a kid in the '60s who befriends a reincarnating dog (voice of Josh Gad). JOE LEDERER

"A Dog's Purpose"

Director: Lasse Hallstrom
Stars: Josh Gad (voice), Dennis Quaid
Rating: PG

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An unholy marriage of "The Idiot's Guide to Existentialism" and Animal Planet's "Too Cute!" shows, "A Dog's Purpose" stars the voice of Josh Gad as a reincarnating dog spirit who opens the film by asking, "What is the meaning of life?" The movie seems to supply an answer: It immediately cuts to newborn puppies. But a more thoughtful (but not *that* thoughtful) response takes another two hours to arrive. Till then, witness the strangest studio picture since "Collateral Beauty," which ambitiously ponders the cosmos amidst a plethora of dog POV shots, like one that allows us to witness butt-sniffing first-hand, and another where we get to see what it's like to die.

To its credit, "A Dog's Purpose" is tough for PG-rated pet porn. The first death comes within the first minute. Gad's free-floating mutt keeps coming back, though, spending the longest stretch in the 1960s, where he inhabits a golden retriever named Bailey who declares "ownership" of a young boy. (Ha ha, it's the other way around, isn't it? Makes you think.) He'll age and die, or he'll get shot by a slimy kidnapper and die, only to return each instance as a pup, ready to go again. One time he even switches genders, like a mongrel version of Virginia Woolf's "Orlando," only with more farting dog jokes.

Throughout, our canine hero asks the big questions, though the answers tend to make "Chicken Soup for the Soul" seem like a J.G. Ballard dystopia. The movie may ultimately and unexpectedly turn into a Nicholas Sparks movie — it figures, since director Lasse Hallstrom made two Sparks films, as well as "My Life as a Dog" and "Hachi: A Dog's Tale" — but "A Dog's Purpose" is more like "Forrest Gump" but with dogs. After two hours of embracing the inevitability of death as a way of coping with a potentially meaningless void, it peddles the Gumpian line that perhaps not thinking is the way to a happier life. But dammit if it still sporadically stabs right at the heart of anyone who grew up with a pet, despite itself. MP

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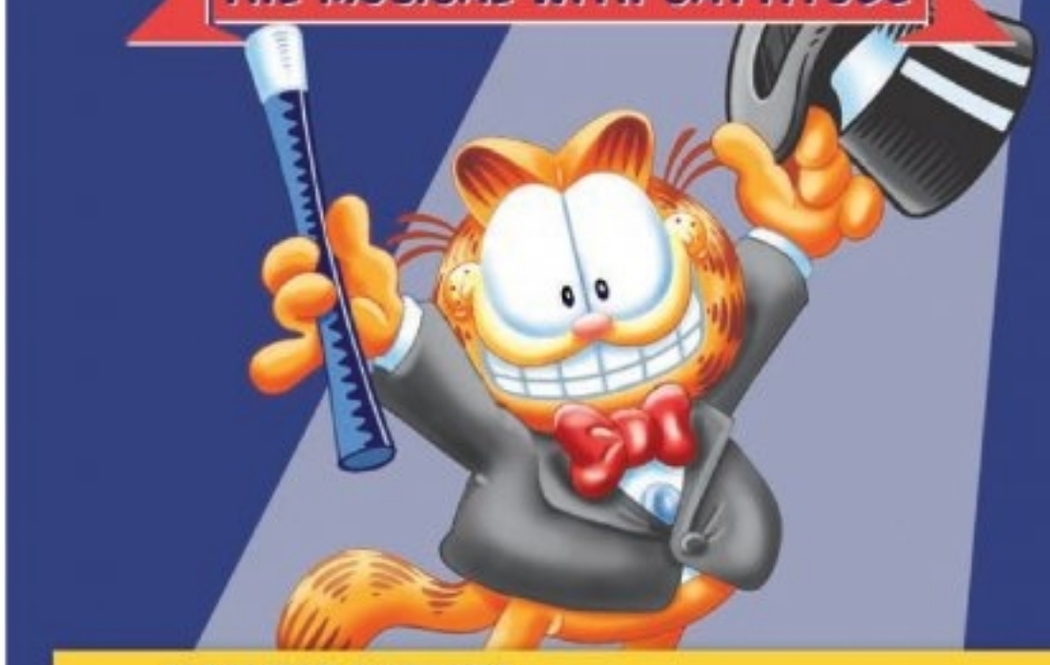

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Sandra Huller plays a workaholic whose father (Peter Simonischek), in bad wig and fake teeth, nearly destroys her life in "Toni Erdmann." SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

"Toni Erdmann"

Director: Maren Ade
Stars: Sandra Huller, Peter Simonischek
Rating: R

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Bear with us while we argue a near-three-hour German comedy that has the same plot as an Adam Sandler movie is the best movie of last year. In "Toni Erdmann," an eccentric loner named Winfried (Peter Simonischek) wreaks untold havoc on the life of his workaholic daughter Ines (Sandra Huller). That roughly describes the setup for the Sandler joint "That's My Boy." But anything can be a masterpiece if you do it right. And "Toni Erdmann" boasts not only three of the year's funniest set pieces but manages to avoid being the saccharine ode to filial love it could have been.

Winfried's scheme is far sillier than any Sandler plot, too: After a disastrously cold visit to Ines as she toils in Romania, he starts showing up in her day-to-day. Wearing a hilariously bad wig and Halloween store false teeth, he calls himself "Toni Erdmann," and he's either a life coach or ambassador, depending on who's asking. At first horrified, Ines starts playing along, engaging him in a lengthy, very weird form of battle.

"Toni Erdmann" isn't always a comedy. At heart it's a dark, sad drama about people who've drifted away from each other. The funny parts are funnier, we'd argue, because they're buried, like land mines, in long scenes, usually of corporate-speak or humorless business functions. Director Maren Ade ("Everyone Else") is a master at playing the audience like a piano. Every time you settle into the groove of Ines' careerist existence, you're hit with a loopy gut-buster right out of left field. It's an Andy Kaufmanesque experiment in long-form comedy that may make you cry, but certainly not in the way you'd think. MATT PRIGGE

"Things to Come"

Director: Mia Hansen-Love
Stars: Isabelle Huppert, Roman Kolinka
Rating: NR

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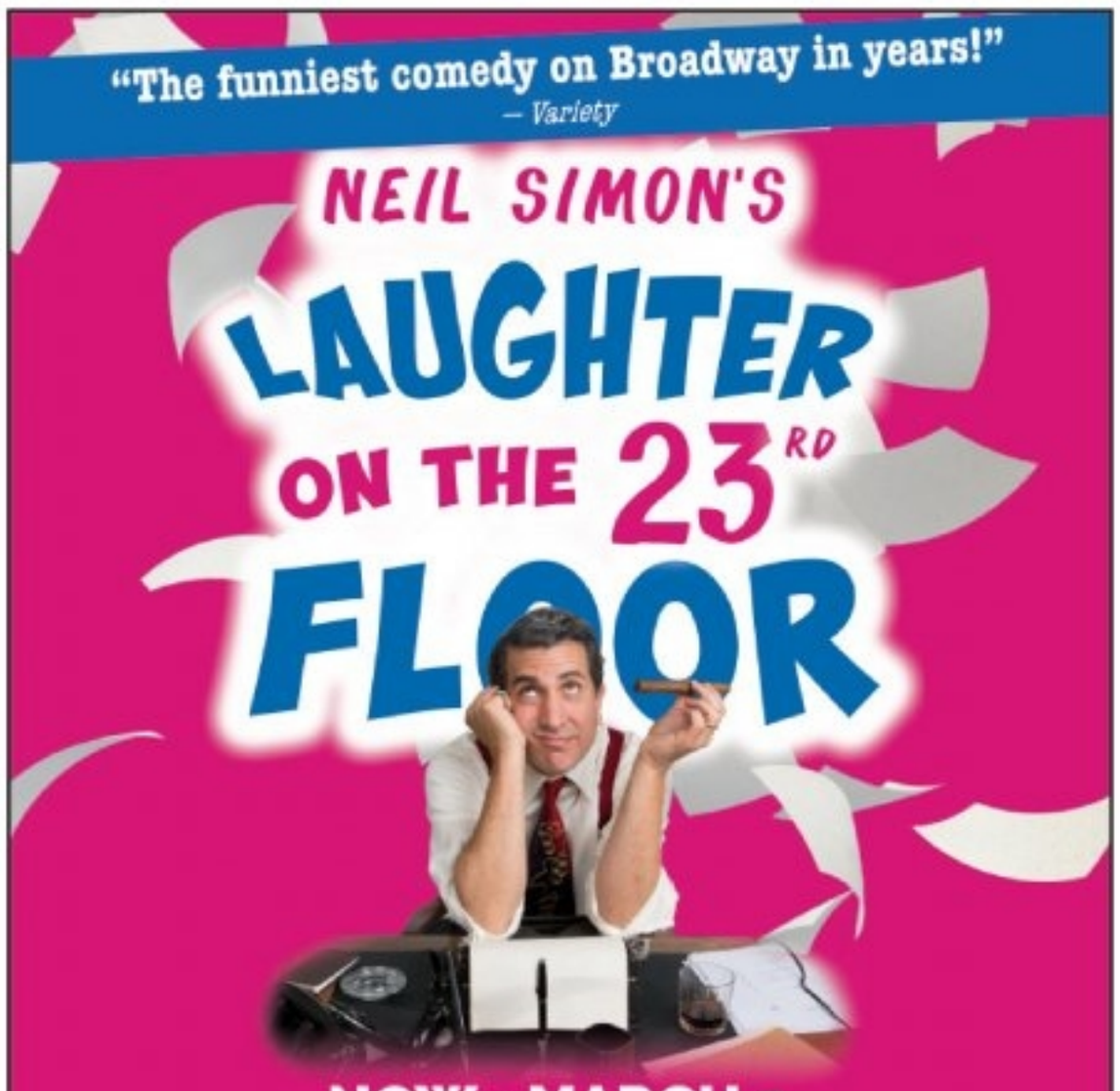
Isabelle Huppert, with her back turned to us, gave another masterful performance last year in "Things to Come." SUNDANCE SELECTS

Last year's other great Isabelle Huppert movie, Mia Hansen-Love's character study, hasn't been getting the same love as "Elle," which is a shame. For one thing, it's not often you get to see Huppert play nice. She's Nathalie, a longtime philosophy professor who watches as her life goes up in flames, piece by piece. First she learns her husband (Andre Marcon) is decamping for his younger boo. Then she loses one of her gigs. Then comes the death of her sickly, epically grouchy mother (Edith Scob).

But this isn't some wallow in the mire. No matter what, Nathalie keeps on keepin' on, head held high, unflustered, soldiering on towards an uncertain future. She's cucumber cool, and so is her writer-director. Hansen-Love is a master at passionately dispassionate studies of how time destroys everything, whether it's last year's "Eden," about a DJ who ages out of his profession, or here, where its hero can fall back on a lifetime of deep thinking to keep her from despair. Like Nathalie, Hansen-Love's camera is always quietly on the move, always observing, always living in the moment while leaning forward to what lies beyond. MP



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Cate Le Bon makes poetic songs for absurd times

The Welsh art punk frames our dark days with a sense of whimsy.

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Cate Le Bon is well aware that we live in strange times. That's the premise for the Welsh singer-songwriter's new EP "Rock Pool" (dropping Friday), which came out of the same recording sessions as her 2016 record "Crab Day."

"It's almost a reactionary language to the absurdity and horror of the times we're living in," says Le Bon, who now lives in Los Angeles. She wrote these songs before Donald Trump came into power and the U.K. voted to Brexit the E.U., but she certainly recognizes their significance now.

The EP's title track, "Rock Pool," a song about people living in secluded bubbles, has a jangly, carnivalesque feel. And "Aside From Growing Old," dealing with fear of the future, features bizarrely bright synths and her melodic, sing-songy vocals.

The dichotomy between dark, thought-provoking themes and musical whimsy — which also rings true throughout "Crab Day" — is escapism for the artist.

"In times of extreme fear and absurdity, I guess there's a reassurance in checking out and becoming whimsical and nonsense kind of feeding into that," she says. "It's almost a language of escape and every configuration of it is some type of reality, you know."

Singer-songwriter Cate Le Bon's latest "Rock Pool" drops Friday. ANDREW BENGE

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Late nights writing on the mountainside

Le Bon and her band recorded the "Crab Day" sessions at Panoramic House, a destination recording studio and bungalow in Stinson Beach, California. As is often her style, she waited until the last possible moment to solidify the poetic lyrics of her songs.

"I know what the songs are about and I know the kind of words that I'm foraging for, but I leave it until the last minute to just put everything together," Le Bon explains. "I'll be up the night before, singing vocals until 6 or 7 in the morning … We were up in a mountain and it was so peaceful — what I usually lament myself for doing, it was actually a really nourishing process this time."

Accepting chaos

As Le Bon grows older, she considers that "everything just seems to make less and less sense." It's in this spirit that the now 33-year-old was able to make "Crab Day" and "Rock Pool."

"[They're recordings] that I wanted to make and wanted to imply complete abandon," she says. "I think that's something that I found a lot easier as I grow old."

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Sixers should buy, make push for playoffs

As long as the Sixers finish ahead of the Kings, they'll have a top 10 draft pick.

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The Sixers have the third best record in the NBA this year at 9-3. They have the Eastern Conference Player of the Week and prohibitive Rookie of the Year favorite in Joel Embiid who has catapulted Philly into playoff contention.

They currently stand just three games behind the Bulls in the loss column for the eighth playoff spot (six back in the win column) and everywhere you go on the internet you see Embiid calling for the Sixers to make the playoffs. Especially after the team pulled off back-to-back wins on back-to-back days without Embiid in the lineup.

The trade deadline is less than a month away, and after a resurgence from Nerlens Noel, the rarely seen Jahlil Okafor is appearing to be the odd man out. The Sixers are expected to flip Okafor — and they should do so for a win-now piece.

Ben Simmons is expected to make his debut after the All-Star break, so the team will be adding a huge — potentially superstar piece — without moving a single asset. The key is giving Embiid and Simmons the tools around them to continue to win basketball games and to close the gap between them and playoff pack.

Possible landing spots for Okafor look to include the Raptors, Celtics and Blazers, with each offering veteran guards who could help Philly win now and in the future.

But what about their 2017 draft positioning?

It doesn't matter how good the Sixers play this season, they have the right to swap picks with the Sacramento Kings (as long as the Kings have a top 10 pick). As of Thursday, the Kings would have the 10th pick in the draft and the Sixers the eighth. If trends continue, Philly will close the 1.5 game gap between them and the spiraling Kings who could be big sellers at the trade deadline.

The Sixers also have the Lakers' pick if it falls outside of the top three, which right now would be second overall but is subject to the draft lottery (and to the second half of the season).

So, in summary, the Sixers can both win now, and also have two top 10 draft picks in a loaded draft. The good news is, there is no rush. If there's no acceptable offer for Okafor on the open market they can simply wait for the offseason. But with the big man looking less and less in the Sixers' future plans it makes sense for his departure to happen sooner rather than later.

The Sixers have little to lose by making a real attempt to reach the postseason. GETTY IMAGES

ALL-STAR PROCESS

Sixers' Embiid snubbed again, misses All-Star team

The evidence was irrefutable. Joel Embiid, fresh off NBA Eastern Conference Player of the Week honors, is far and away the NBA's best rookie. He is posting numbers per 36 minutes the likes of which haven't been seen since Wilt Chamberlain, and he has the Sixers — yes the Sixers — in contention for a playoff spot.

Oh, and he also got the third most votes from fans. But unfortunately it wasn't enough, as the 7-foot-2 rookie was left off the team in favor of more veteran talent, like Paul Milsap and Paul George.

Embiid was snubbed for a starting role due to the new NBA formula that counts fans votes for 50 percent, player votes for 25 percent and the media for 25 percent. That anointed Jimmy Butler as the third frontcourt starter in the East.

Embiid was not surprisingly given a spot on the rising stars roster, along with fellow Sixers Jahlil Okafor and Dario Saric.

Give Embiid some credit for his social media campaign, as well as his play on the hardwood — which seemingly revolutionized the way athletes can harness the power and support of adoring fans.

He'll just have to wait to nab his "celebrity crush" until next time. EVAN MACY

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Fo Shizz: Temple has new leading scorer

The Owls have finally broken out of its recent slump.

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The Temple Owls (11-10, 2-6) looked like a team dead in the water heading into Wednesday night's matchup against the Memphis Tigers (15-6, 5-3).

Losers of six of their previous seven games, confidence was slim among a group which started the season an impressive 6-2, with wins over No. 25 Florida State and No. 19 West Virginia.

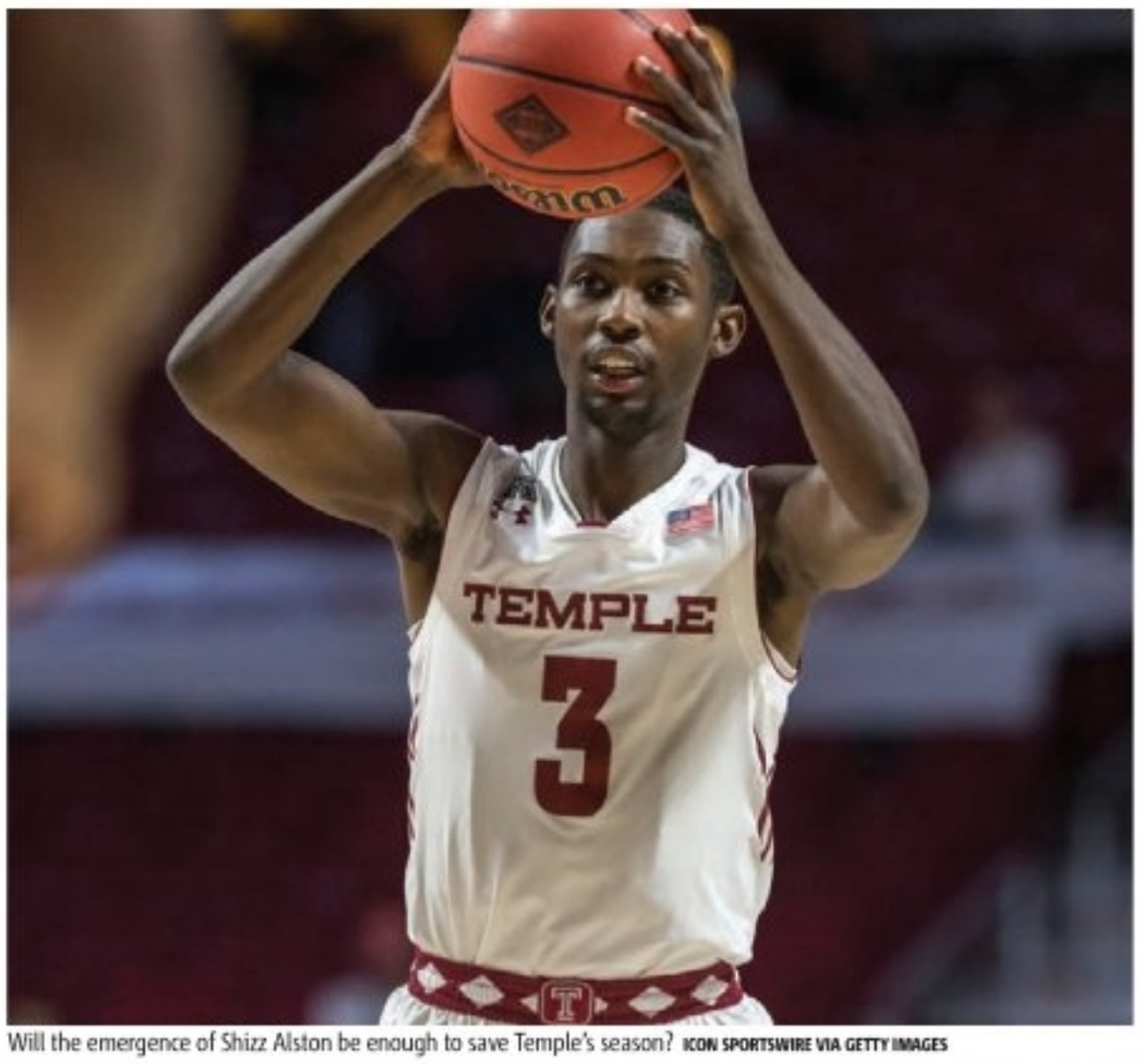
The season was not heading in the right direction as the Owls are now entrenched in the thick of American Conference play with just 10 games remaining. But the Owls might have just found the solution to their troubles in their convincing 77-66 win over the Tigers on Wednesday night in sophomore guard Shizz Alston Jr.

Alston scored 22 points on nine of 15 (60 percent) shooting for his third-straight 20 point game.

"He's a good player," Memphis coach Tubby Smith said of Alston. "He's pretty talented. He shoots deep threes, he's got a nice hesitation crossover jumper, he can get by you — he's got the full package and I'm impressed with him."

After scoring just 63 points as a freshman, he's scored 72 points in the Owls' past three games and has surpassed teammate Obi Enechionyia (13.8 PPG) as the Owls' leading scorer (14.2 PPG).

"Shizz is a player who constantly is growing, he's growing right in front of our eyes," senior forward Mark Williams said. "The thing I see that's best improved is his poise. Whenever we get down in the shot clock or down in games, Shizz is managing games for us, making huge shots, shooting the ball really well. He's playing huge for us."



Will the emergence of Shizz Alston be enough to save Temple's season? ICON SPORTSWIRE VIA GETTY IMAGES

The Owls seem to always find a guard who can rally them down the stretch when times get tough. Recent examples of this have been Dionte Christmas, Khalif Wyatt and Quenton DeCosey, who have all led the Owls to wins in January through March due to their dangerous scoring ability.

Alston seems up for the task and felt like the win over Memphis may be the start of a strong finish like the guards who proceeded him were able to put together.

"I know after we won in Brooklyn, we rallied about five or six in a row," Alston said. "I feel like this game was like that, a game that will push us over the top."

Up next for the Owls are two games on the road. They'll face Houston (14-7, 5-4) on Saturday before heading to New Orleans to take on Tulane (4-16, 1-7) on Tuesday. Both games will air on the ESPN Network.

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Despite Villanova's dominance, Big 5 still going strong

Penn and other Philly schools are benefitting from the national success of their city rivals.

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Anytime two Big 5 schools go head-to-head, chances are it's going to be a real battle. GETTY IMAGES

While Villanova may have you believing otherwise, Metro has learned that college basketball and the Big 5 are still alive in other parts of the city.

Sure, Jay Wright's Wildcats may not only be national champions but haven't lost a game among city rivals Penn, Temple, LaSalle and archrival St. Joseph's since 2013 — a span of 18 games. But rather than be jealous about the Cats' success, the others view it as a win-win for everyone.

Not to mention a great recruiting tool.

"It's a huge piece of what Penn basketball is about," said Penn's second year coach Steve Donahue, after freshman A.J. Brodeur exploded for 35 points as the Quakers held off LaSalle, 77-74, Wednesday. "I think it's true for the other schools in the city, but for us it's so critical.

"It separates us from the other teams in our league to play this type of game in January. That's something the other seven schools don't have. And when we can bring players into that building [the famed Palestra] and tell them they're gonna play the national champions on our home court, it's incredible for recruiting."

It certainly won over the 6-foot-8 Brodeur, who was a high school freshman when he first met then Boston College coach Donahue.

"Coming in I wasn't too sure about what it [the Big 5] was," Brodeur said. "But once I started to get into the whole history, see every game was once played at the Palestra and it's been around so many years, that was one of reasons I wanted to come here. There are so many great teams that have been around so many years. That was one of the main recruiting points for me."

Already leading the 7-9 Quakers in scoring (15.3 points per game), Donahue says the kid is just beginning the scratch the surface of his ability. Against the Explorers, Brodeur torched them early with an array of post-up moves around the basket. Then, considering he'd made only two 3-pointers all season coming in, he surprised everybody — especially LaSalle — by knocking down three from beyond the arc while scoring 13 straight points for Penn down the stretch.

"It's fun to get a hold of a kid like this," Donahue said. "Conservatively, I've seen him play 100 games since I first met him and the stage is never too big for him."

The rest of the Ivy League will find that out, as Penn heads to the road this weekend, facing Harvard and Dartmouth. Meanwhile 11-7 LaSalle goes to Hawk Hill to play St. Joseph's in what is not only a Big 5 game but an Atlantic 10 game.

While league play is their only potential ticket to the NCAA's big dance, the Big 5 will continue to matter. And the fact Villanova has left the others in its rearview mirror does nothing to take away from the Big 5's unique charm.

"If anything I think it's raised the level of the Big 5's profile," said Donahue, whose Quakers have won 12 city titles but none since 2002.

"In this city, the Big 5 means a lot and separates us from every other city. That's why I love to coach here."

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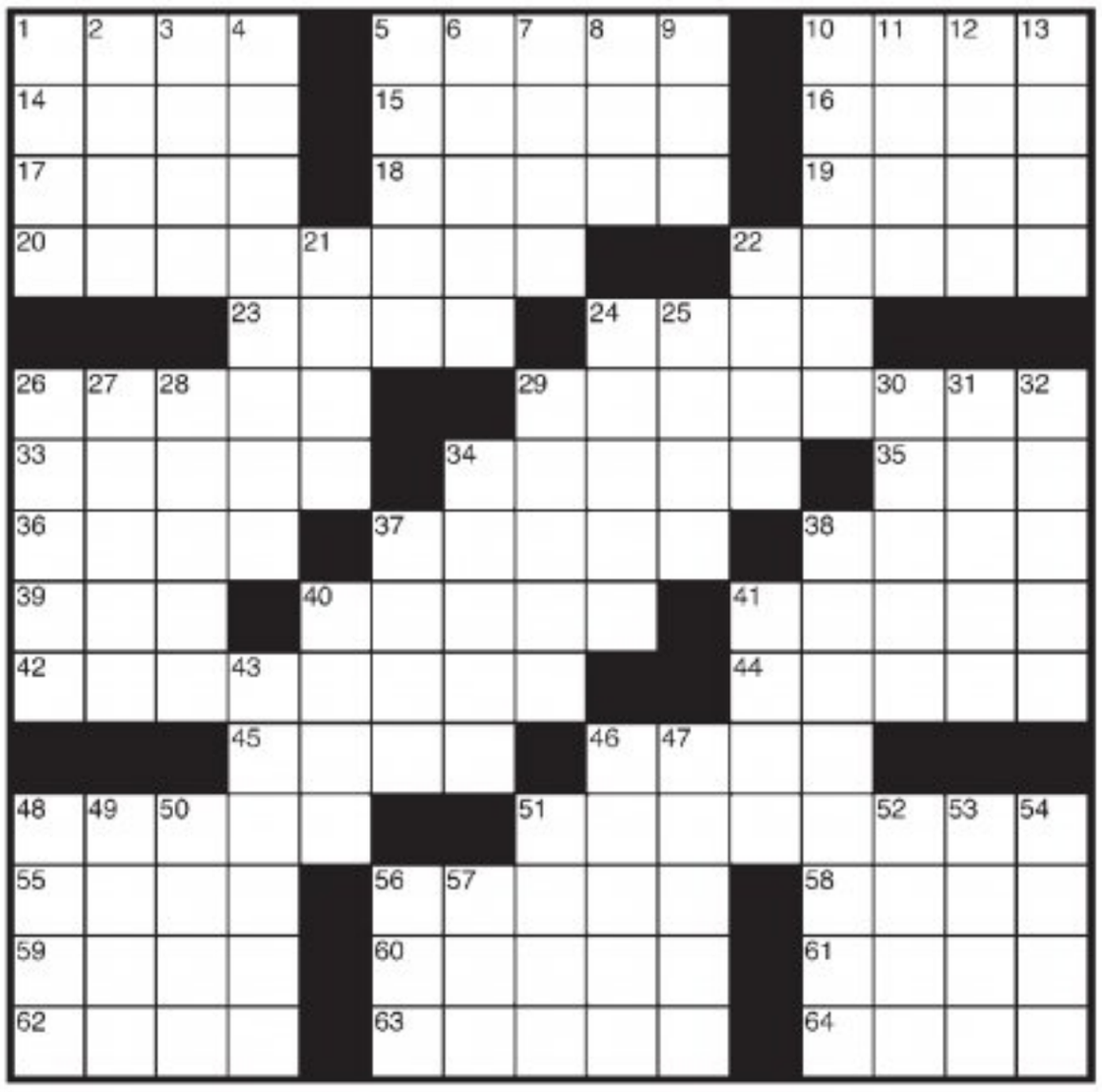

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